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Acting Director, Center for Policy Support

SUBJECT :

Academic Relations and External Analytical Support

1. One of the goals of the recent reorganization of the Intelligence Directorate was to broaden the scope of our contacts with the academic community and other sources of analytical support outside the intelligence community. The Center for Policy Support has been given this responsibility and has a full-time Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator to devise and implement a program. This effort will build upon the work of the previous Coordinators for Academic Relations within the Directorate. It will, however, have a broader focus in that we will be looking beyond the academic community for analytical support. We also intend to be more discriminating in our relations with the academic community by concentrating on relationships that could provide us a return.

2. We will focus this program on contacts with graduate students, graduate faculties, academic associations, foreign affairs research centers, technical research laboratories, and economic research groups primarily to improve our knowledge of who is doing work that could meet some of our requirements. These contacts also will identify skilled people who might be willing to undertake specific analytical tasks for us. We hope that controlled disclosure of the nature of our work will improve the public understanding of the intelligence process. It should be understood, however, that the emphasis of this new effort is on the identification of methodologies, research, and people who can assist us in our immediate mission. The recruiting and public relations aspects of this effort are strictly side benefits.

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3. The Coordinator for Academic Relations and External Analytical Support will review requests for visits to academic institutions and conferences as did previous coordinators. The Coordinator will need a point of contact in each office to work with in order to extend our search beyond the academic community into broader areas of analytical support. Your representative should be knowledgeable of all the activities of your office and, ideally, already have extensive knowledge of sources of analytical support outside the intelligence community.

4. Please designate a representative from your office to serve as a point of contact on these matters and send name, room number, and telephone number to the CPS by 10 February. In the meantime, please advise the Coordinator or Assistant Coordinator, [redacted] at extension 7445, of any visits or activities related to this program.

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